

Left the City for New  
Last Night.

UNTEERS EN ROUTE

Artillery Blues Spend  
on Atlanta on the  
to New Orleans.Atlanta, yesterday after-  
noon presented preliminary  
scenes which will be witnessed  
in New Orleans as a  
consequence of the mardi gras

March to mardi gras was

in Atlanta. The trains

and east brought in large

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Atlanta people joined the

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## THE ATLANTA CONSTITUTION.

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ATLANTA, GA., MONDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 25, 1895.

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Although It Is Believed the Pooling Bill  
Was Killed Effectually.

## WE FRIENDS STILL SHOW FIGHT

Senator Pettigrew Says the Opposi-  
tion Are Able to Down It.

## THIS IS THE LAST WEEK OF CONGRESS

And There Is a Great Deal of Work to Be  
Done—An Interesting Time Ex-  
pected in the Senate.

Washington, February 24.—(Special)—Sen-

ator Pettigrew, leader of the opposition

in the pooling bill in the senate, says he

is not at all disturbed over the confidence

of the pooling bill senators and the pro-

peters of the pooling bill prominent else-

where in the capital. The senator said:

"I believe that we killed the pooling  
bill effectively yesterday, but word reach-

ed me last night that its advocates have

yet given up the fight. They might

as well do so, for we are strong enough

and fully able to talk against it for all of

the remaining congressional days avail-

able. I should think that Senator Peffer's

speech would be quite enough to discour-

age the most ardent pooling bill advocate,

and when Senator Allen joins Senator Peffer

in promising a small talk upon a sub-

ject, the bill is almost a stumbling block

for the conference committee. The next bills

in order will be the legislative and naval

appropriation bills. The friends of the navy

will endeavor to remain in the bill by

means of a few amendments.

Captain H. C. Jones, Senator Peffer's

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## OATES INTERVIEWED.

Alabama's Governor Talks About Existing Political Conditions.

## THINKS THE PRESIDENT AN HONEST MAN

But Leaves the Party to Take Care of Itself—Cleveland's Tardiness in Calling Congress Together.

Montgomery, Ala., February 24.—(Special)—Governor Oates has been interviewed by a reporter of The Montgomery Advertiser relative to the existing political conditions. This is what he says:

"When the democrats first came into power all the causes were then existing which now are the same, and financial troubles. The mass of the people, and especially democrats, who were not so well informed, thought that Cleveland and the democratic congress should at once dispel hard times and bring about prosperity to the whole country, which was an utter impossibility. The United States combined could not have prevented the trouble. It resulted in part from republican legislation, but more largely from other causes, which legislation could not reach nor remedy."

"I wrote Mr. Cleveland as soon as it was known that he was elected, telling him to call the new congress together as soon after his inauguration and turn them loose upon the redemption of all the democratic pledges to the people, as far as it could be done by legislation. I have a copy of that letter still. I saw him in January following, and spoke of the mass of the people that his message could not be ready then, with their reports and recommendations and that he would be so busy with important appointments that he would have no time to attend to congress if convened at an early date. The panic was fairly on at the banks and brokers, and he called together the day before the 1st of August. His message then, I thought, was, unfortunately, not broad enough. The platform committed the party to the repeal of the Sherman law; nobody questioned that, but a part of the democrats in the house and senate were not in agreement with it for failing to open to the repeal a free silver coinage amendment. When it was known that the president was opposed to it, this caused division of opinion in the democratic ranks and dissension among themselves and with the president, which had a bad effect upon the party in the north and it may have won one upon the mass of the south. We immediately advertised to the people that there was not harmony in the democratic camp. The elections which occurred in the northern states during that session should have been a reminder to us of the loss of confidence in our party."

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## ALABAMA'S EXHIBIT.

## Resolutions of the Commercial Club at Birmingham.

Birmingham, Ala., February 24.—(Special)—The Commercial Club of this city Friday afternoon adopted the following resolutions: "Whereas, The exposition to be held in Atlanta fall presents an opportunity of great economic and general value to the entire south for the advancement of the advantages of this section to the outside world; and whereas, The exposition is to be a suitable appropriation for having the state of Alabama represented in that exposition by the legislature; therefore, adjourned, leaves the task of taking care of this resolution to separate communities, and as the mineral region of Alabama offers superior attractions to the north, and the capital, the growth of immigration and the industrial development; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That a committee be appointed by the board of directors of the Commercial Club to investigate the feasibility of making an exhibit for the south and this district at the Atlanta exposition, and to committe to take such steps and report such plans or plans for the advancement of these communities as will be necessary to make necessary to some early meeting of the club or this board."

The following were appointed the committee under this resolution: F. Y. Anderson, H. M. Caldwell, R. N. Rhodes, Thomas Seddon, M. H. Joseph, W. H. Graves and N. A. T. Noble.

The secretary read several letters from different sections of the country for the information of the board, showing the attention given to the south, and the interest given to the idea of emigrating to the south.

## SELMA CITIZENS MEET

## And Nominate a Reform Ticket for the City.

Selma, Ala., February 24.—(Special)—A citizens' meeting was held last night to a very late hour, in a hall on the south side of the city, to nominate a reform city ticket. The president of the meeting, put the name of W. P. Welch before the meeting and he was unanimously nominated. Mr. Welch then made a short speech and said if the votes were counted fair he would have a majority.

They also nominated a candidate for councilman from each ward. They selected a man from each ward, who was called "the bloody thug," and which is Marcus Meyer's ward, the straight democratic candidate. The most prominent politicians of the city concurred. Meyer's election for mayor by an overwhelming majority.

## TWO LADIES INJURED.

One of Them Fatally—Horses Run Away in Birmingham.

Birmingham, Ala., February 24.—(Special)—Two spirited horses hatched to a buggy in which Mrs. Dr. Martin and four children and Mrs. H. C. Leet were riding, took flight, and the carriage and carriage, hit on her head, receiving fatal injuries. A small baby was thrown violently to the ground and will also probably die. Mrs. Martin and the other children were also badly hurt. Mrs. Leet came from Conyers, Ga., where she will be buried.

## No Threat of Lynching.

Butler, Ala., February 24.—(Special)—There has been no threat whatever of lynching the parties accused of having murdered old man. However, the report of sensational correspondents to the contrary notwithstanding, Jim and Martha Hurst,

children of the murdered man, and Sander Carlisle, his sister are all in jail and there is no probability whatever of their being disturbed.

**A Banquet at Troy.**  
Troy, Ala., February 24.—(Special)—Mr. J. S. Carroll, of this city, who has just been admitted to the practice of law, tendered a reception to the bar of Troy Friday night in celebration of the event. Colonel C. R. McCullum, toastmaster and the legal fraternity enjoyed two hours of good cheer most heartily.

**From Florence.**

Florence, Ala., February 24.—(Special)—The law passed by the general assembly reducing the tolls on the Florence bridge is a dead letter for the same old high rates are being charged in spite of the killing of the public.

Messrs. A. A. & S. W. Barber, of Fargo, N. D., have removed their large bottling works to this city and are greatly delighted at the change they have made.

**Mr. Bell's Promotion.**

Selma, Ala., February 24.—(Special)—Mr. A. L. Bell, one of Selma's best railroad men, has been appointed division passenger agent of the new system with headquarters in Montgomery. His division will be that part of the line from Montgomery to Thomasville, Ga. He is regarded here as an excellent railroad man and a very popular general.

**Regulating Their Speed.**

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**NEW ORLEANS CARNIVAL.**

**Weather Fine and the City Being Filled with Visitors.**

New Orleans, February 24.—The city is filled with visitors from all parts of the country who have come to enjoy the festivities. There are more strangers here than on any previous occasion. The weather is fine and everything gives promise that the carnival this year will be a brilliant success.

The Cleveland Greys, of Cleveland, O., arrived at 3 o'clock this afternoon. The Greys have been selected as the bodyguard of his majesty Rex and they were received with all the honors due to a royal party. The Greys are the finest band in the country, and are to be a part of the band in the parade on Mardi Gras.

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**Tip Lovington has just come in from the Snowbird, Unaka and Jellico mountains and reports the snow drifts as being twenty-eight feet deep. Down in the valleys it was eight or nine feet deep.**

J. S. Sneed, a prominent citizen of Peachtree, while coming down the Weeks mountain was thrown from his horse, sustaining injuries that may cause his death.

The weather at present is like May and quite warm. The weather was quite warm a year ago, when the mercury was down 18 degrees below zero.

Wheat and rye were not injured during the cold wave and are promising and the outlook for a good fruit crop is flattering.

A team backed out of the ferryboat this morning, drowning. Fortunately there were no difficulties.

"One day I saw a party of boys returning with their dogs after a bout at a sport. They passed near a bush in which were three or four blackbirds. On spying the birds they flushed toward the bush and dashed at a tangent. By this time the third hunter has come up and gives the quarry another turn. After the third or fourth zigzag the rabbit is surrounded, and the hunters quickly close in upon him and grab him.

"It is an odd fact that this method of catching rabbits is adopted by the Indians as that adopted by coyotes, which work similarly by three. By this strategy these wild dogs capture the rabbits, though the latter are more fleet of foot. I believe that no other human beings approach the sports of the Indians in this regard. A favorite sport of the Indians is hunting deer. Monkeys are the only animals domesticated by these wild people. For amusement the Indians make a great many traps and snares. Frequently the rabbit sees the secret Indian and runs away. The Indians are very expert at this sport.

"The Indians are very expert at this sport. They are very slender and sinewy, resembling the legs of the deer. Since the first coming of the Indians they have known to them the art of running. It is said that they can run from 150 to 200 miles a day, not pausing for rest. Now, I suppose you are aware that the jack rabbit is considered a very fleet animal. Yet these Indians are accustomed to catch jack rabbits by outrunning them.

"For this purpose three men or boys go together. If the rabbit runs straight away from its pursuer, it could not be caught, but its instinct is to make its flight by zig-zags. The hunters arrange themselves at short distances apart. As quickly as one of them starts a rabbit, a second Indian runs as fast as he can along a line parallel with the first. The third runs as fast as he can to make a small enclosure, and the shell of a single great turtle does for the rabbit.

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ATLANTA, GA., February 25, 1895.

And Mills, Too.

One by one the men who were in vied into voting for the repeal of the Sherman purchasing act, without securing adequate substitute legislation, are finding out "where they are at."

Senator Voorhees, who for a season figured upon the floor of the senate as the administration leader, has lost his old-time eloquence, and now speaks in a hushed tone. He has heard from Indiana and felt the cold breezes blow from the white house, and he walks around like one returned to early scenes only to find all his youthful comrades dead!

Senator Mills, whose fierce denunciation of those who differed with Mr. Cleveland during the special session, is now non persona grata in the white house. He has proposed an amendment to the sundry civil bill which provides for the immediate repeal of all acts under which the president is now authorized to issue bonds. This amendment covers the entire issue that is now on between the administration and congress, and indicates the senator's deep disgust with the secret bond deal.

When asked if he would force this amendment to a vote, his response was: "I cannot tell what action will be taken, but it is manifestly the next thing to do, and I hope to see a majority of the senate in favor of my amendment. I do not care what the president thinks about it. That is for him to determine. The possibility of a veto from him ought not to deter congress from doing anything which it believes in."

Such statements as this show which way the wind is blowing. The gale is going to blow strong enough to drive all the cuckoos from under cover.

Some Facts About Finance.

A correspondent writes: "I see some of the newspapers are talking about a 'silver basis.' That is, they say that if the treasury should default in gold payments, the country would be on a 'silver basis.' What do they mean by that?"

The newspaper editors, who make such statements as the one quoted by our correspondent, do not know what they mean. Without reflection they adopt the declarations they find in the eastern organs of the gold gamblers. The statement that we should go to a 'silver basis' in the event of the suspension of gold payments is the same as saying that the premium on gold would be 200 per cent—that a gold dollar would be worth two standard silver dollars. What editor or newspaper reader is ignorant enough to believe that?

During the war, when neither silver nor gold was in circulation, and when the country was on a greenback basis, the premium on gold never reached more than 60 per cent premium, and this in the face of the fact that the gold exchange was in full operation, and that the Wall street gamblers had the entire stock cornered. If there had been no law making customs duties payable in gold, the premium would never have reached 10 per cent.

Our correspondent will find that every argument employed by the agents of the gold gamblers and the cuckoos against the remonetization of silver is based on sheer assumption and on brazen denial of the facts of history. For instance the statement is frequently made that bimetallism is an impossibility. Mr. Carlisle himself, after his official conversion to gold monetarism, declared that he could never understand what was meant by the double standard. And yet all he had to do was to turn to the financial history of France, there to discover that for nearly seven years that government held the two metals together, both as money and bullion, at the ratio of 15 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 1. The fluctuations were never more than 1 per cent and these were fluctuations in rates of exchange. Gold at this moment commands a premium of 1% per cent when it is bought in the open market, and yet this fluctuation from par value has no perceptible effect on the market.

Another statement our correspondent will often see is that gold is the standard of civilized countries, while silver is the standard of the nations that scuffle about on a lower level. Is it true, then, that the people of the United States were never civilized until after 1873? Up to that date silver was our sole unit of account. The mints were open to gold, but gold and all other commodities were valued in terms of silver. A dollar meant a silver dollar and ten dollars in gold meant an amount of the yellow

metal sufficient to exchange for ten dollars.

It is true, too, that, until 1870, Great Britain was the only civilized nation in Europe? Up to that year, no other European nation had a gold standard, and Germany had the single silver standard. Was Germany, with the single silver standard on a level with China, India and Mexico so far as her civilization was concerned? To ask these questions is to blow away, as with breath, the imbecile argument that gold is the money of civilization while silver is the money of barbarians.

Our correspondent will also note that there are constant allusions to the small purchasing power of the Mexican dollar as compared with the American silver dollar. The argument that the American dollar is as good as a gold dollar while the Mexican piece is only as good as a silver dollar ought to open the eyes of sensible men to the real state of the case. The Mexican dollar is worth now just what it was in 1873. The value of the people's products has not depreciated in Mexico. Whereas by the flat of the United States laws the American silver dollar has been made to appreciate along with the gold dollar. Our silver dollars are not redeemable in gold under the law, and if they were that fact would not help the case at all. We have not gold enough to redeem the treasury notes of 1890. All the available gold is in the hands of comparatively a few gold gamblers. They have it safely cornered, and in order to get it to keep up our ruinous pretense of gold payments we are compelled to borrow it at a rate of interest higher than any nation or any reputable municipality is compelled to pay.

The people everywhere are opening their eyes to the truth The Constitution has been preaching for so many years.

Must Look to the West.

Already interest is being centered on the possible candidates for the next presidency.

Through force of circumstances the democratic party has been forced to nominate a New York man ever since the war. With New York's vote the only key to success, there was no other course left open.

In 1863 it was Horatio Seymour; in 1872, Horace Greeley; in 1876, Samuel J. Tilden; in 1880, General W. S. Hancock; in 1884, Grover Cleveland, who smashed his party in 1888, and who came in 1892, only to leave demoralization behind him for 1896.

The republicans, however, not being under any such limitations as to territory, have kept pretty well to the west for their candidates. The state that furnished Lincoln in 1864, furnished Grant in 1868, who succeeded himself in 1872. Ohio furnished Hayes in 1876, and Garfield in 1880. The first eastern man, and the first unsuccessful republican, James G. Blaine, came from Maine in 1884. Victory was restored to republicanism by General Harrison, of Indiana, in 1888, who lost the game in 1892 to Cleveland.

Shall the democracy take its candidate from the east or the west the next time? Commenting on this question The St. Louis Republic says:

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## JUST FROM GEORGIA.

## Flattering Signs.

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Spring isn't far!

Out on the road is a lightning-rod drummer; Climbing a fence, a book agent—a hummer! Keep up your courage, for soon you'll strike summer—  
She isn't far!

Under an oak sits a maiden, a-whistling; Back of the oak runs a river a-swishing; Back up your courage, for soon you'll go fishing—  
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WYTHE BOOTHED HIM.

"Colonel, you have killed your man, haven't you?"  
"Fifty of 'em, sir!"  
"Do you ever worry about it?"  
"Yes, I do. If I'd just been coroner in those days, think of the money I would have made sitting on 'em!"

New settlers are coming to Georgia, on every train. This is just what we want—folks who will "settle" every day.

Times Have Changed.

If times ain't changed in this here land The reason let me know;  
When folks behind a nigger stand Up to his neck in snow!

An' what seems worse, an' mighty queer—  
An' see a war-time brigadier  
All wrapped up in a sleigh!

The old log cabin schoolhouse is being discussed in Georgia now. There are no times like the old times, when the boys rode their ponies six miles to school and were always fishing when they were not in swimming!

HAPPY ON THE WAY.

Here is a little song which the Georgia darky in the rural districts is singing at this time:

Rabbit hash and rabbit stew,  
(These bones gwine rise again)  
And away we eat dem rabbits, too  
(These bones gwine rise again)

Tan the hide and eat the meat;  
(These bones gwine rise again)  
And for good luck save the feet;  
(These bones gwine rise again)

HON. WILLIAM H. CRAWFORD.

He is a fair sample of the goldbug democrat who holds self-interest above principle. When the farmers' alliance agitation was at its height in Illinois, tearing the farmers away from the republican party by thousands, Palmer was demagogue enough to profit by the new movement for an inflated currency. When he had secured his seat in the senate the farmers ceased to be of use to him and he began consorting with the enemies of the very people who made it possible for him to have it.

The only excuse for Palmer is that he is old—and should be retired.

We think the object lesson which the farmers and all the people are getting will enable them to find a remedy for their financial troubles. The only question is, can the country stand the strain of the British gold standard until Cleveland retires?

It is said that Carlisle will take the stump for the gold gamblers in Kentucky—and a pitiful spectacle it will be.

If any person interested in the financial question will get a file of The Constitution for 1893, he will find the present situation very clearly foreshadowed. And yet The Constitution is not a prophet.

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The loan is an astounding success, says Rothchild. Indeed, India is the only country for the American people. It was an astounding act of generosity. In their impoverishment, after two years of the worst disasters ever sustained, which took something like \$60,000,000 from the nation's wealth, their government has made a more than royal loan of \$4,621,621 to foreign bankers, and probably much more to these and other investors and money-lenders here and abroad, who were fortunate enough to get a share of the spoils. Really, we ought to be the richest nation on earth if this is to go on. As The New York Herald pertinently remarks, no approval or recognition of the foreign bankers was needed to induce them to take upon themselves the risk of the highest indebtedness in the world.

Now the citizens seem to be as a rule better players than the men. Now, the cities have a pitched battle on the white table. Augusta is famous for its white players. Savannah is the best in the world, of course, and Savannah—well, none of them are in "it" with Savannah, so they say down there.

The Dahlonega Methodist church has been established for nearly fifty years and the music from a violin was never heard within its walls until on one or two occasions but a few months ago. Music church from this kind of an instrument is not very much enjoyed by some of the oldest members.

In Gilmer county lives one of the oldest inhabitants in the country in the person of Mr. Martin. She is ninety-two years

## THE TOWN.

## WHAT THE MEN CLAIM

They say the Southern Proposes to Cut Down the Crews.

## MORE WORK AND LESS PAY

Not All Satisfied with the Schedule Proposed—A Detailed Outline of the Reasons for Not Accepting It.

The first statement in detail of the grievances of the employees of the Southern railway, which gives with authority the claims of the men, has been given The Constitution for publication.

The statement is submitted by a well-known officer of one of the local divisions of trainmen's organizations, who is familiar with the claims that the men hold as reason for not accepting the proposition made to them by the company for changing the basis of wages.

The members of the committee that went to Washington to voice the grievances of the employees feel that they are not themselves free to talk, since they agreed with Mr. Baldwin to keep secret everything that was done in the conference.

It is said that local men feel that Mr. Baldwin has not treated them exactly fair in giving out for publication the company's side of the differences that exist while he bound them to secrecy in the matter on the understanding that neither side was to give to the public the details.

The following statement is full of interest being the first authentic stipulation of the exact reasons why the proposition of the company was not accepted. The grand chiefs of the trainmen's brotherhoods are still in Washington, and there is a great deal of interest felt among the local men here in the probable outcome of the conference they are to have today with Mr. Baldwin.

**The Grievances in Detail.**  
Here is the first statement giving the employees' side to the question:

**Editor Constitution.**—The publication and interview of Mr. Baldwin, vice president of the Southern Railway Company, do not state the facts and are not in the main given to the public to the true state of affairs in the proposed settlement of the differences between the Southern and its employees.

Mr. Baldwin requested that no publication be made by the employees to the proposed settlement, but they have not done so, and the public on his side of the case, it is necessary that some notice be taken of it, so that the matter may be fully understood.

In his newspaper article Mr. Baldwin states that the average mileage per day for passenger conductors will be 100 miles, and others run in proportion, but in his speech he presents to the men he leaves it open for the company to run them any number of miles they please and base their "overtime" rates on they may be in duty over ten hours extra pay to be given for each of that time.

Mr. Baldwin has increased the pay of a number of passenger conductors, baggage-masters and brakemen, but he has also made more than made up for it by increasing their mileage rates.

On the route Pacific between Atlanta and Birmingham he has cut off an entire week at a saving of \$30 per month, while to increase given the entire remaining days is only \$3 per month and the total is reduced 25 per cent.

On several local runs on the western system where three crews were employed for each past one crew has been taken off on each division at a large saving to the company and an increase of work to the remaining crews of 33 cent.

**Cutting Down Brakemen.**

Mr. Baldwin has recently cut off one brakeman on all the through freight on the Atlanta system and the Georgia Pacific at a large saving to the company due to the detriment of public safety, and has doubled up the work on the remaining brakeman and the conductor.

Mr. Baldwin's scale of pay cuts the wages of as many or more men than it does which is hardly shown. I give a few instances of runs.

On through freight, Atlanta to Chattanooga, conductors are cut 2½ cents a trip, brakemen 1½ cents; Atlanta to Cleveland conductors are cut 2½ cents, brakemen 1½ cents; Atlanta to Macon conductors are cut 2½ cents, brakemen 2½ cents; Cleveland to Columbus and return brakemen are cut 2½ cents; Atlanta to Birmingham conductors are cut 2½ cents.

Passenger conductors, Salisbury to Asheville, cut 4½ per month; Atlanta to Cordele and return \$1 per month.

There are three runs from Atlanta to Charlotte or Atlanta, front brakeman 61 cents and rear brakeman 61 cents a trip. Engineers between Charlotte and Taylorsville cut \$5 per month.

A large number of other instances could also be given.

The men on the Southern would be satisfied with a fair adjustment of their differences, but the schedule presented is not a fair one, as it reduces the pay on the hardest runs in the system and deprives the men of a number of valuable rules governing their work which has been allowed by the old mode now comprising the Southern railway, and which are now in effect on nearly all the prominent railroads in this country.

Mr. Baldwin claims the equipping of small automatic couplers a great advantage to the men, and of very little to the railroad, we can only say that a prominent railroad man stated to The Constitution in an interview that these appliances more than repaid the railroad company for the outlay.

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